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Application No. : 09/554,951  
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For : THE USE OF  $\Delta^5$ -ANDROSTENE-3 $\beta$ -OL-7,17-DIONE  
IN THE TREATMENT OF ARTHRITIS  
Examiner : Hui, San-ming  
Group Art Unit : 1617

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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the non-final Office Action, dated August 13, 2003, for the above-referenced application, the following timely Amendments and Remarks are respectfully submitted.